

ACT TOWARD CHECKING DEATH BRINGING GAS BLASTS

To eliminate further gas explosions it was urged that city authorities and property owners investigate gas pipes inside of building lines yesterday when inquest over eight victims of the explosion at Alex Chimbukis' restaurant was resumed. Property owners are required to keep pipes in good condition, but gas company has no jurisdiction over pipes inside building lines.

Witnesses testified Chimbukis telephoned gas company three days before explosion. J. B. Hirst, assistant engineer for People's Gas Co., claims company received one complaint on morning of explosion. Before the man sent to fix pipe reached the place the explosion occurred. Hearing continued until May 2.

MAYOR INSISTS ON SUBWAY

Regardless of what the city council does, Mayor Thompson is going right ahead with his subway plans, he says. His action will come under the head of "no more monkey business."

L. A. Busby, president of the street car lines, drew a rap from the mayor for blocking the administration through his influence with members of the council.

"Mr. Busby has a perfect right to do everything he can to block things in which my administration is interested and under pledge to the people," said the mayor. "I didn't want to act as umpire in the street car strike, but it was the only way out. Somebody had to do it, and the cars had to run."

"We have had a council governed city for two years and nothing has been done. They spent \$250,000 for experts and then threw their reports in the waste basket."

"When I was elected mayor I made certain pledges to the people. I have two years yet to serve and I am going to try and redeem those

pledges, regardless of consequences or the council. I believe we will start work on the subway before my term expires. If we don't they will be fussing around ten years from now and won't have a subway."

"There is one firm willing to construct the right of way of these subways and turn them back to the city in 30 years without a cent of cost to the city."

"We still have the right, I am advised, under the police powers of the city as well as the right over our streets, to go ahead with the special assessment plan and the traction fund we already have and actually do something."

HOYNE AFTER BACK TAXES

State's Att'y Hoyne filed suits in superior court to collect personal property taxes for 1913, 1914 and 1915. Defendants and amounts: J. F. Butler, \$2,071; Hirsch-Wickwire Co., \$5,142; Illinois Realization Co., \$3,450; Lincoln Ice Co., \$3,191; North American Transportation and Trading Co., \$2,077; O. C. Doering, \$5,504; Heppes Roofing Co., \$1,056; Werner Bros. Storage, \$1,108.

CHICAGO BRIEFS

Mary Norawake, sought as undesirable by immigration agents, caught in morals court after she was arrested with Geo. Silverman, 4732 Congress.

Body taken from canal at Lemont Wednesday identified as that of John Melich, Summit. He spent \$10,000 on Summit saloon and then failed to get license.

H. M. Heath, actor, arrested in New Orleans as check forger, believed to be man who put over \$12,000 in bad checks here while posing as "Lieut. W. H. Savage, U. S. V. aerial corps."

Geo. Eppinger acquitted of connection with theft of guns from Bullard & Gormley store, Lloyd White and Policeman Thos. Gibbons will be sentenced tomorrow.